

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

Greene County Baptist Association



HELD AT

ROYCE BAPTIST CHURCH

ROYCE, MISS.

October 16, 17, 18, 1925

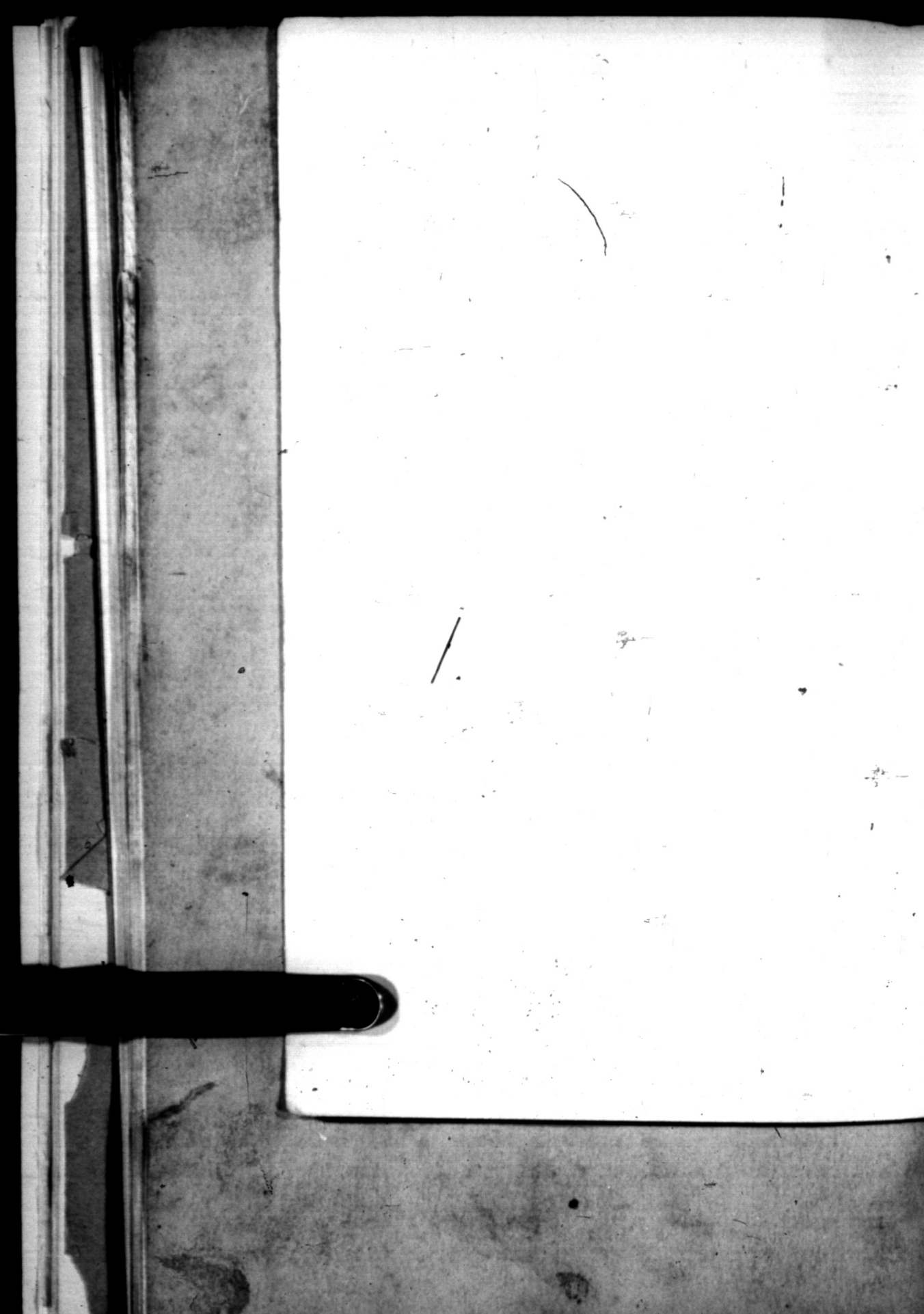
Moderator—A. R. Loftin, McLain, Miss.

Secretary-Treasurer—Joe Walley, Richton, Miss., R. 1

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held with Pleasant Hill Church, October

15, 16, 17, 1926



ORDAINED MINISTERS

D. P. Lankford.....	State Line, Miss.
O. U. Sullivan.....	Neely, Miss.
M. W. Ball.....	Leakesville, Miss., R. A

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Church	Member	Address
Avera—	A. H. Taylor.....	Avera, Miss.
Antioch—	Eugene Williams.....	Leakesville, R. A
Bethany—	A. A. Huggins.....	Fruitdale, Ala.
Cedar Grove—	C. L. Kittrell.....	Leakesville, R. A
County Line—	David Kittrell.....	State Line, Miss.
Fellowship—	Roy Kittrell.....	State Line, Miss.
Johnson Creek—	Harmon Brewer.....	State Line, Miss.
Leaf—	J. C. Daughdrill.....	Leaf, Miss.
Leakesville—	J. E. Miller.....	Leakesville, Miss.
McLeain—	D. D. Daughdrill.....	McLain, Miss.
Piave—	E. W. James.....	Piave, Miss.
Pleasant Hill—	A. E. Byrd.....	Richton, Miss., R. 4
Sand Hill—	R. L. Walley.....	Richton, Miss., R. 1
Sweet Water—	W. J. Turner.....	Leakesville, Miss.
Salem—	J. C. Henderson.....	Richton, Miss., R. 5
Salem (East)—	J. W. Mills.....	Leakesville, Miss.
Unity—	M. W. Ball.....	Leakesville, Miss., R. A
Washington—	J. B. Daughdrill.....	Neely, Miss.
Indian Hill—	Connie Davis.....	Richton, Miss., R. 1
Royce—	A. S. Cochran.....	Royce, Miss.
Camp Tatum—	Rufus Posey.....	Denco, Miss.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1 Introductory Sermon.
- 2 Appointment of Reading Clerks.
- 3 Appointment of Finance Committee.
- 4 Reading of Church Letters.
- 5 Election of Officers.
- 6 Appointment of Program Committee.
- 7 Reading Rules of Decorum.
- 8 Call for Petitionary Letters.
- 9 Call for Correspondence.
- 10 Call for General Business.
- 11 Call for Report on Publications.
- 12 Call for Report on Ministerial Relief.
- 13 Call for Report on Orphanages.
- 14 Call for Report on Education.
- 15 Call for Report on Music.
- 16 Call for Report on W. M. U. Work.
17. Call for Report on B. Y. P. U. Work.
- 18 Call for Report on Budget.
- 19 Call for Report on Missions.
- 20 Call for Report on Temperance.
- 21 Call for Report on Memorials.
- 22 Call for Report on Sunday Schools.
- 23 Call for Report of Executive Board.
- 24 Call for Report on Resolutions.
- 25 Call for Report on Requests and Nominations.
- 26 Adjournment.

PROCEEDINGS

Royce, Miss.,
October 16th, 1925.

The 9th annual session of the Greene County Baptist Association convened this day with the Royce Baptist Church, with Rev. A. R. Loftin, Moderator, and Joe Walley, Secretary-Treasurer.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator at 11 o'clock A. M. and devotionals were conducted by Joe Walley, after which the introductory sermon was preached by Bro. J. E. Byrd, using 1st Corinthians 6th chapter and the 19th and 20th verses, for his text.

The Association then adjourned until 1:30 o'clock P. M.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association convened according to adjournment, and after prayer by Bro. Travis Byrd, the Moderator proceeded to organize the Association for business.

Brethren E. W. James, J. W. Mills and Travis Byrd were appointed as a Finance Committee, and W. J. Turner and C. H. Wade, Jr., Reading Clerks.

On motion the Association ordered that the reading of the statistical parts of the several church letters be dispensed with. The letters were then read and the messengers from the several churches were then seated as follows, to-wit:

Avera, A. H. Taylor and Mrs. A. H. Taylor; Antioch, D. R. Williams; Bethany, A. A. Huggins, Wm. E. Turner and Y. L. Williams; Cedar Grove, Leonard Turner and C. L. Kittrell; Johnson Creek, by letter only; Leaf, Miss Ora Lee McKay, B. C. Daughdrill and J. C. Daughdrill; Leakesville, O. U. Sullivan and Mrs. Arthur Turner; McLain, M. L. Taylor, D. D. Daughdrill and J. B. Lewis; Piave, E. W. James, J. O. Ferguson and Mrs. W. J. Chiles; Sweet Water, N. R. Keeton, W. J. Turner and O. R. Ethrige; Salem, N. Brewer, J. C. Henderson and Walter Walley; Salem (East), J. W. Mills and Mrs. J. W. Mills; Sand Hill, J. C. Roberts, Joe Walley and C. H. Wade, Jr.; Pleasant Hill, A. E. Byrd, Travis Byrd and Walton Byrd, Jr.; Unity, Miss Ella Ball; Royce, A. S. Cochran, Mrs. A. S. Cochran and Mrs. M. McNeese; Washington, A. H. Harrison, Joe Cochran and J. B. Daughdrill; Fellowship and Camp Tatum Churches were represented by letters only.

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At this time the announcement was made that Macedonia Church had disbanded.

The Association, on motion, went into the election of officers which resulted as follows, to-wit: Rev. A. R. Loftin, McLain, Miss Moderator; J. C. Roberts, Richton, Miss., R. F. D. No. 1, Assistant Moderator; and Joe Walley, Richton, Miss., R. 1, Secretary-Treasurer.

The Moderator then appointed the Program Committee, as follows: A. S. Cochran, A. H. Harrison and D. D. Daughdrill.

Reading of the Rules of Decorum was then had.

A call for petitionary letters was made by the Moderator. None reported.

The Moderator then called for corresponding messengers, where the following messengers were seated: Rev. L. G. Bassett from the Bay Springs Association; W. L. Harvey from the George County Association; Mrs. A. R. Loftin from the Perry County Association; E. L. Jackson from the Mobile County (Ala.) Association.

J. E. Byrd, T. J. Moore and Mrs. Emery represented the State Convention Board.

General business was called for, when the Moderator announced the following committee appointments:

Committee on Publications: T. J. Moore, J. O. Ferguson and C. L. Kittrell.

Committee on Ministerial Relief: T. J. Moore, J. C. Roberts and E. L. Jackson.

Orphanage: A. L. O'Briant, Walter Walley and B. C. Daughdrill.

Education: O. U. Sullivan, J. W. Mills and Travis Byrd.

Music: Mrs. A. H. Taylor, Miss Ella Ball and O. U. Sullivan.

W. M. U. Work: Mrs. Emery, Mrs. McNeese and Ella Ball.

B. Y. P. U. Work: Miss Ella Ball, Walton Byrd, Jr., and Y. Williams.

Budget: J. E. Byrd, A. H. Taylor and W. J. Turner.

Missions: A. L. O'Bryant, N. Brewer and J. C. Henderson.

Temperance: Mrs. Arthur Turner, Mrs. A. H. Taylor and M. W. C. Churchwell.

Memorials: Joe Walley, Mrs. A. S. Cochran and Leonard Turner.

Sunday Schools: C. H. Wade, Jr., Walton Byrd, Jr., and A. Huggins.

Resolutions: E. W. James, Mrs. J. O. Ferguson and Wm. Turner.

Requests and Nominations: A. E. Byrd, J. C. Roberts and R. Williams.

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At this time, after discussion of the suggested Budget by J. E. Byrd, it was ordered by the Association that a special committee be appointed by the Moderator to revise the Budget, on account of very obvious inaccuracies. E. W. James, J. W. Mills and Y. L. Williams was appointed.

The Association then adjourned until Saturday morning at 9 o'clock, after announcement by the Program Committee that Rev. A. L. O'Briant would preach at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Association was called to order by the Moderator at 9 o'clock A. M., and after prayer by Bro. N. R. Keeton the general business of the Association was again taken up, and the report of the Committee on Publications was called for, and submitted by Bro. T. J. Moore, and after having been discussed by Bro. Moore and others it was adopted as read.

(See subject matter of reports on another page.)

The report of the Committee on W. M. U. Work was written by Mrs. W. C. Churchwell and submitted by the Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Churchwell not being present, and after discussion by Bro. N. R. Keeton and others it was adopted as read.

The report of Committee on B. Y. P. U. Work was submitted by Miss Ella Ball, and after the report was ably but modestly discussed by Miss Ball, it was adopted as read.

The report of the Committee on Ministerial Relief was called for and submitted by T. J. Moore, and after having been ably discussed by Bro. Moore the same was adopted.

The Association then adjourned until 1:30 o'clock P. M.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

After being served with a very sumptuous dinner, as on the preceding day, the Association was called to order at 1:30 o'clock, and after devotional reading by C. H. Wade, Jr., Bro. Josiah Byrd prayed, and the Association proceeded to business.

On motion it was ordered by the Association that Rev. A. R. Loftin be and he is hereby allowed out of the general fund of the Association the sum of (\$27.40) twenty-seven dollars and forty cents to reimburse him for his expenses to the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The report of the Committee on Sunday Schools was called for and submitted by C. H. Wade, Jr., and after discussion by Bro. Wade and others it was adopted.

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The report of the Finance Committee was submitted by J. V. Mills and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Requests and Nomination was submitted and after some discussion was adopted as read.

Bro. J. E. Miller was now elected as a delegate to the State Convention, and Rev. A. R. Loftin a messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention.

On motion it was ordered by the Association that Joe Walley be allowed the sum of \$20.00 for his services as Secretary-Treasurer.

Ordered by the Association that the Secretary-Treasurer have printed and distribute 300 copies of the minutes.

The report of Committee on Orphanage was called for and after having been discussed by A. L. O'Briant and others the same was adopted.

The report of Committee on Music was submitted by Miss Elsie Ball. After discussion by Bro. A. R. Loftin it was adopted as read.

The report of Committee on Education was called for and submitted by Bro. Travis Byrd, and after being discussed by Bro. A. L. O'Briant and others the same was adopted.

The report of Committee on Memorials was submitted by C. Wade, Jr., which was adopted as read.

On motion the Association adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. Sunday, after the Program Committee announced that Rev. O. U. Sullivan would preach at 7:30 o'clock Saturday night.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION

The report of the Special Committee on Revision of Budget was submitted and after discussion by Joe Walley and others it was adopted.

The report of Committee on Temperance was called for, and submitted by Joe Walley, which was adopted as read.

The report of Committee on Missions was submitted and after discussion by Rev. A. L. O'Briant and O. U. Sullivan the same was adopted as read.

At this time the Moderator announced that his brother from Fort Worth, Texas, would preach a missionary sermon, which he did very ably, and after which an offering was taken for State Missions which amounted to \$76.21. An offering was also taken for Crippled Brother E. L. Jackson which amounted to \$18.27.

Adjournment was now taken until 2:15 o'clock P. M.

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THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association was called to order according to adjournment. Rev. O. U. Sullivan conducted the opening exercises, after which the Association proceeded to business, when the following resolution of thanks was submitted and adopted by a rising vote:

Whereas, the messengers of the Greene County Baptist Association have been so royally received and entertained during this session; and

Whereas, this royal entertainment has been partly occasioned by the close and hearty co-operation of the towns of Leaf and McLain and communities adjacent, with the town of Royce, and

Whereas, the kind treatment has been so natural and unpre- sumptuous, therefore be it

Resolved, by the Greene County Association that the thanks of said Association and the gratefulness of each messenger be and the same are hereby extended to this church and community and the other churches and communities co-operating for the kind and hos- pitable reception and treatment received of them while in their midst. May the blessing of Him who prompts men and women to kindness and hospitality abide with them.

Bro. Loftin of Texas then lectured the Association for several minutes on several topics, after which the Association adjourned, to meet with the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1926.

A. R. LOFTIN, Moderator.

JOE WALLEY, Secretary-Treasurer.

SUBJECT MATTER OF REPORTS
REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS

The printing press combined with our splendid postal system is among the most powerful agencies in the maintenance of civilization. It is absolutely indispensable. In the execution of commission of our Master to proclaim the Gospel to all the nations throughout all the ages, the printing press is no less essential than it is in civilization. We will divide publications as embracing 7 classes of literature, books and periodicals.

The best thoughts of the best and wisest men and women have lived are to be found in books.

The Bible is the book of books. It is the written word of himself. We should feast our minds and souls upon its everlasting truths. Our State Board is operating a large book store at Jacksonville with the purpose in view of aiding our people in providing good wholesome reading matter in the form of books.

Periodicals

The Baptist Record is our state organ. It ought to be common into every Baptist home in the state. The Home and Foreign Friend is our organ for Foreign Missions. It is published by the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. The Royal Service is the W. M. organ and is a jewel at fifty cents a year. World Comrades is a new organ for our boys and girls. The Orphanage Gem covers work with the orphans, and is twenty-five cents a year.

We earnestly urge our Baptist people to avail themselves of or at least some of this reading matter, so as to be informed of great work.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. MOORE,
J. O. FERGUSON,
C. L. KITTRELL.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF

Our denomination is arranging as never before to care for disabled and wornout preachers. Through the Budget we are helping a few more than one thousand wornout preachers, their wives and widows throughout the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention. They are getting on an average of one hundred dollars a year.

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Respectfully submitted,

T. J. MOORE,
J. C. ROBERTS,
E. L. JACKSON.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORPHANAGE

We have in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention (21) twenty-one orphanages, with something like six thousand children in these homes.

We have one in Jackson under the splendid management of Bro. J. R. Carter. In our Orphanage we have about 175 children to be cared for. They are ours to lead to Christ and train for him. More than one thousand boys and girls have been trained and sent out from the Orphanage to bless the world with their lives.

Let us remember that the best way is to include the Orphanage in our budget, but if we do not, let us remember them with our prayers and special offerings on Thanksgiving day, and through our Sunday Schools. Let us support this great work with our love, prayers, and purses. Let us include the Orphans' Home in our budget and in the every member canvass that will be made on December 6th to 13th. Let us incorporate in our hearts and lives these children and support the Orphanage to the glory of God.

A. L. O'BRIANT,
B. C. DAUGHDRILL,
WALTER WALLEY,

Committee.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

Amount received from all the churches for Associational expenses.....	\$ 88.10
From E. L. Turner, Ex-Secretary-Treasurer.....	55.00
Total Receipts.....	\$143.10

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Disbursements

To printing minutes.....	\$57.50
Stationery, postage, etc.....	3.90
Sec.-Treas. Salary.....	20.00
Balance on hand.....	\$

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MUSIC

The value of music and the song service in connection church worship, cannot be overestimated. The music selection in the song service should be in keeping with the theme of the sermon, and of as much importance. Care should be exercised in selecting a choir leader or director and in the selection of Baptist song books. The best results can be obtained by letting the church have a voice in selecting these. Also in the selection of a singing school teacher. As music plays a vital part in the life of the church and its various auxiliaries each church should have: 1st, a good competent choir leader; 2nd, a good organist or pianist; 3rd, a good instrument. Young people generally take an active leading part in these song services, and it can readily be seen that the better they are made, the more young people will be reached and become interested in church activities. We, therefore, recommend that each church, some time during the year, select a Baptist music teacher to conduct a class in music and singing as many days as are convenient. We further recommend that the Association select from Greene County one boy or girl who is talented in music, of good character, and who desires to study and learn about gospel music, and either finance or help finance his or her way through the School of Gospel Music at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Also to aid in every way possible this student when in school or out.

Respectfully submitted,

MISS ELLA BALL,
O. U. SULLIVAN.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON W. M. U. WORK

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Greene County Association is making rapid progress toward the goal of an organization in every church.

As Associational Superintendent, it has been very gratifying

note the eagerness with which the women of the churches were organized, have entered into the work, and the zeal manifested in every project undertaken.

We have W. M. U. Societies in the following churches: Sweet Water, Avera, Piave, Unity, Cedar Grove, Royce and Leakesville. Each of these are fostering one or more young people's societies.

Leakesville W. M. S. has extended its arm of protection to a Y. W. A. in Salem Church. These young women are intensely interested in bringing their auxiliary up to the standard. Each Society has an organized Personal Service department from which much good is being accomplished. We have just recently observed the Week of Prayer for State Missions with offering to same.

Leakesville W. M. U. has for the last three years maintained the Standard of Excellence. We earnestly and prayerfully urge every organization to strive toward that goal.

We want to plead with every church to organize a W. M. U., and call upon the pastors to help arouse interest in this great work.

MRS. W. C. CHURCHWELL,
Associational Superintendent.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON B. Y. P. U. WORK

We find that five churches report B. Y. P. U.'s, the same number reported last year. We feel that the churches as a whole do not realize that the B. Y. P. U. has a definite work of the church to perform, and are not giving this work the support it needs. Some, we find, by not having the arm of the church thrown around them properly are making their meetings too worldly; not maintaining order and adhering closely enough to their mission. We urge that the older members of the church drop into their meetings occasionally—give them a lift, and let them know you are behind them. We further urge that the churches that have not a B. Y. P. U. organize one at once and give the young converts something to do. Do not let them remain babes in the church always.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLA BALL,
WALTON BYRD,
G. L. WILLIAMS,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We believe, or rather know, that all Education should be Christian Education, or be given under Christian influence and environ-

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ment. We have five colleges in the state, two for men and two for women owned by the Baptists, and Hillman College, a private school but under Baptist influence. All of these are model in their particular sphere and should be patronized and supported by our people.

Besides these colleges of our own state we have a Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas, and one at Louisville, Kentucky, and the Bible Institute at New Orleans, La., and various other schools throughout the Southern Baptist Convention.

Boys and girls from Baptist homes should be educated in Baptist institutions and therefore be insured not to come under the influence of some of the damnable heresies that are in some of the other schools. We urge that the churches talk our denominational schools to their young men and women contemplating going to college.

Respectfully submitted,

TRAVIS BYRD,
J. W. MILLS,

Committee

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We your Finance Committee beg leave to make this our report:

Amount received for associational expenses.....	\$ 91
From Leaf church for State Missions.....	12
Amount of Sunday School collections.....	76

Total amount all purposes.....	\$179
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Respectfully submitted,

E. W. JAMES,
J. W. MILLS,
TRAVIS BYRD,

Committee

REPORT OF SPECIAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

We your Committee on Revision of Budget beg leave to submit this as our report:

We find that each church is to make an every member canvass during early December, and inasmuch as we have not all data in hand to make a complete necessary revision, we, therefore, rec-

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mend that each church in this Association make the every member
canvass on this matter and report immediately thereafter to Dr. R.
B. Gunter, Jackson, Miss.

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. JAMES,
J. W. MILLS,
Y. L. WILLIAMS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS

Christ our Savior is our model missionary. It is said by some
one that He visited 215 villages and cities, besides the country. He
certainly believed in preaching the Gospel to the masses as well as
to the individual. He was a missionary in the truest sense of the
word—State, Home and Foreign Missionary. He knew no bounds.
He was a missionary to the country as well as to the towns and
cities. His message was the Gospel. Preaching, teaching and heal-
ing. So we have churches, schools and hospitals operating in the
home and foreign lands. The world was His field, and certainly
should be ours. The wonderful uplift of missions and missionaries.
Christ is the world's great physician and the only one who can save
and heal the sin sick soul.

The Spirit of Missions.—Christ was moved with compassion,
His soul was stirred as he saw needy crowds. The matter of missions
with Christ was a spiritual matter. Regeneration was needed then
as now. The multitudes need the gospel regeneration. There are
over 75,000 above the age of ten years in Mississippi who are not
saved; 16 millions in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention
under the age of 25 years who need salvation. The spirit of missions
is the spirit of Christ, and the Spirit of Christ is the spirit of mis-
sions. The opportunity was never greater than now to preach the
gospel to the whole world. Christ said the harvest is plenteous.
It is ripe. It is ready for the gospel. The door is wide open. Christ
has given us a great example in his life of prayer, and says in Matt.
9:38, pray that He will send forth laborers into His harvest. How
we need to pray for missions and missionaries. Pray for our secre-
taries. Pray for our churches, that they may be missionary in
spirit. Christ has never done missionary work by himself and he
shows us that there is work enough for all, both men and women.
In Luke 8:3 he tells us how they ministered unto him of their sub-
stance. They gave themselves to Christ and then divided what they

had with Him, men and money. This is still the only way to save the world—Christ, men and money. The spirit of love is the spirit of missions. Get Christ and His wonderful work into the heart of a man or woman and he will want to send or carry the message around the world. There are 473 homeless churches in the state. 95 of these worship in union churches. This shows that we need to give to state missions in a greater way. If 215,000 Baptists in Mississippi will give in proportion to the way the Lord has blessed them, our financial problems will be solved.

A. L. O'BRIANT,
C. L. KITTRELL,
LEONARD TURNER,

Committee

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

Our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit, says the Scripture and should, therefore, be regarded as such. Hence the necessity of properly caring for them. The way some men and women treat their bodies is very shameful to worldly society and intelligence, not to say anything about the dishonor and reproach it brings upon the name of the Creator of our bodies. The observance of natural laws is very vital to bodily and mental activity. No one can violate the laws of nature without suffering the penalties prescribed. For instance, the taking into the body of poisonous outlawed whiskey leads to the disorganization of the several organic functions and repetition of the violation of this law will insure a fixity of the disorganization. Hence a habitual drunkard, under the least excitement, will act to a sane man or woman to be drunken.

So will the repeated violation of a certain law, strike at the vitals of our organic structure and win for the community, perpetrating the same, the reputation of law violators and debauchers of society. And so on and on it will go until self respect, common pride, and moral rectitude will be unknown. The country depends on good moral law observers to uphold the majesty of the law and see the law enforced. God must depend upon his true followers to uphold the majesty of his great name, and propagate the principles of His gospel and the standard of government of His coming kingdom.

A man who will not stand for law enforcement and at the same time expect the protection of the law, is an inconsistent ingrate and a disorganizer of civil society and should be cast beyond the pale.

the protection of law until he has suffered sufficiently to pay the last farthing. Brethren, it is incumbent upon us as a denomination, and as individual Christians to wake up and organize ourselves into groups in our community, and demand law enforcement and moral rectitude of conduct. We can do it. We ought to do it, and I believe God wants us to do it. After, and while, we are doing this our lives should be so consistent with our Christian profession until we shall be able to win the lost and erring for Christ, which acts will make our community a desirable place to live as Christians and a terror to him who wants to violate the laws of God and society.

Respectfully submitted,

JOE WALLEY.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS

We find that time and disease have been busy in our Association during the year. Death has claimed the following brethren and sisters during the year: Brethren Rumsey Pendley, Jesse Dearman, Lester Copeland, John Gardner and Martin Turner; also Sisters J. M. Miller, Wilma Cochran Hilden, Ida Bexley, Hattie Stearns, Mary Byrd and Alice McLeod. We also find that Sister N. R. Keeton passed away last year and the committee failed to report. Brethren, we verily believe that these brethren and sisters were firm in the faith when they were called and have added to the list of heaven's inhabitants.

C. H. WADE, JR.,
J. C. ROBERTS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We are glad to report that all the churches, except two, in this Association report active Sunday Schools, an increase of six from last year.

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had with Him, men and money. This is still the only way to save the world—Christ, men and money. The spirit of love is the spirit of missions. Get Christ and His wonderful work into the heart of a man or woman and he will want to send or carry the message around the world. There are 473 homeless churches in the state; 95 of these worship in union churches. This shows that we need to give to state missions in a greater way. If 215,000 Baptists in Mississippi will give in proportion to the way the Lord has blessed them, our financial problems will be solved.

A. L. O'BRIANT,
C. L. KITTRELL,
LEONARD TURNER,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

Our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit, says the Scriptures, and should, therefore, be regarded as such. Hence the necessity of properly caring for them. The way some men and women treat their bodies is very shameful to worldly society and intelligence, not to say anything about the dishonor and reproach it brings upon the name of the Creator of our bodies. The observance of natural laws is very vital to bodily and mental activity. No one can violate the laws of nature without suffering the penalties prescribed. For instance, the taking into the body of poisonous outlawed whiskey tends to the disorganization of the several organic functions and repetition of the violation of this law will insure a fixity of the disorganization. Hence a habitual drunkard, under the least excitement, will appear to a sane man or woman to be drunken.

So will the repeated violation of a certain law, strike at the very vitals of our organic structure and win for the community, permitting same, the reputation of law violators and debauchers of civil society. And so on and on it will go until self respect, community pride, and moral rectitude will be unknown. The country depends on good moral law observers to uphold the majesty of the law and see the law enforced. God must depend upon his true followers to uphold the majesty of his great name, and propagate the principle of His gospel and the standard of government of His coming kingdom.

A man who will not stand for law enforcement and at the same time expect the protection of the law, is an inconsistent ingrate, and a disorganizer of civil society and should be cast beyond the pale of

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the protection of law until he has suffered sufficiently to pay the last farthing. Brethren, it is incumbent upon us as a denomination, and as individual Christians to wake up and organize ourselves into groups in our community, and demand law enforcement and moral rectitude of conduct. We can do it. We ought to do it, and I believe God wants us to do it. After, and while, we are doing this our lives should be so consistent with our Christian profession until we shall be able to win the lost and erring for Christ, which acts will make our community a desirable place to live as Christians and a terror to him who wants to violate the laws of God and society.

Respectfully submitted,

JOE WALLEY.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS

We find that time and disease have been busy in our Association during the year. Death has claimed the following brethren and sisters during the year: Brethren Rumsey Pendley, Jesse Dearman, Lester Copeland, John Gardner and Martin Turner; also Sisters J. M. Miller, Wilma Cochran Hilden, Ida Bexley, Hattie Stearns, Mary Byrd and Alice McLeod. We also find that Sister N. R. Keeton passed away last year and the committee failed to report. Brethren, we verily believe that these brethren and sisters were firm in the faith when they were called and have added to the list of heaven's inhabitants.

C. H. WADE, JR.,

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Respectfully submitted,

C. H. WADE, JR.,
WALTON BYRD, JR.,
A. A. HUGGINS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REQUESTS AND NOMINATION

We find four churches inviting the Association to convene with them in 1926. After carefully considering the matter, we recommend that the Association convene with Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Richton, Miss., R. F. D. No. 4, on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1926.

We also nominate Bro. J. E. Miller of Leakesville, Miss., as delegate to the State Convention, and Rev. A. R. Loftin as a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. BYRD,
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CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This Association shall be called the Greene County Association of Missionary Baptists.

Article 2. The object of this Association shall be to carry our Lord's command, viz: "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." And especially to promote the Sunday School cause, to encourage a deeper interest in our denominational schools and literature; to encourage temperance; to use our best efforts to preach the gospel to the destitute, and to further any and all worthy benevolent enterprises.

Article 3. The membership of this body shall consist of messengers elected annually by the churches belonging to the Association, with the pastors.

Article 4. This Association shall meet annually at a time and place decided upon at the preceding meeting.

Article 5. It shall be the duty of each church belonging to this body to elect and send annually three messengers, together with a letter containing such information as may be required to make up intelligible tables of statistics.

Article 6. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, and a Secretary-Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot and shall hold their office until their successors are elected, whose duties shall be such as devolve upon such officers.

Article 7. There shall be a Mission Board consisting of one member from each church belonging to this Association, such members to be appointed annually by the Moderator and approved by the Association.

Article 8. This Board shall meet while the Association is in session and elect its own chairman and secretary, and attend to any other business that may be necessary, and shall hold its meetings regularly thereafter on Saturday before the fifth Sunday during the year. This Board shall have power to transact all business relating to the objects for which this Association stands. Five or more shall be constituted a quorum to transact business at any regular meeting.

Article 9. This Association shall never exercise any ecclesiastical authority whatever over the churches.

Article 10. Corresponding messengers from other Association and conventions of Missionary Baptists, and all brethren who may be invited to seats with us are entitled to all the privileges of the Association except the right to vote.

Article 11. Before the close of the meeting of the Association the Moderator shall appoint a principal and an alternate to preach the Introductory Sermon at the next meeting of the Association.

Article 12. All questions coming before the Association shall be decided by a majority vote, except that it shall require a two thirds vote to exclude a church, or alter the Constitution or Articles of Faith; and any such alteration shall be made only after one year notice thereof has been given, it being definitely understood that Article 1 shall ever remain in full force.

Article 13. Every church belonging to this Association is expected to contribute regularly to the work of this Association, the contributing church or individual having the right to specify the object to which the contribution shall be applied.

Article 14. Every sitting of this Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost—equal in power and glory.
2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old Testament and the New were written by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, of total depravity and man's inability to restore himself in the favor of God.
4. We believe that God chose His people, in Christ, before the foundation of the world, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the undisputed righteousness of Christ.
6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the Truth; and as He has commanded it to be preached to every creature, all are required to obey.
7. We believe that good works are the fruit of faith, and the only evidence of justification; and that all believers will abound therein from a principle of love.
8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, the just and the unjust, and the general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.
9. We believe that a visible church of Christ is composed of baptized believers only, who are covenanted to keep up a discipline agreeable to the rules of the New Testament Scriptures.
10. We also believe that Jesus Christ is the only law given of His church and that the government is with the church each member having equal rights therein.
11. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the only ordinances of the Church, and are to be continued until the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
12. We believe that immersion only is Baptism, and can be administered only by those duly authorized by the church, and that only believers in Christ are the proper subjects of the ordinance.
13. We believe that regularly Baptized believers only have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.
14. We believe that the churches compose Christ's visible kingdom of the earth, and they are independent of each other; choosing their own bishops, and other executive officers, none of whom may lord it over God's heritage.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. All meetings of the Association shall be opened with prayer and closed with prayer and benediction.
2. The first order of business shall be the calling of the roll of the churches composing the same and the enrollment of delegates representing them.
3. No delegates can be enrolled until they furnish evidence in writing from the church which they propose to represent, which shall be submitted to the Clerk.
4. No business shall be discussed by the body unless it shall have been brought up before it by motion sustained by a second.
6. The Moderator may correct any speaker for misquotation, personal reflection, or indiscreet language.
7. Any member feeling himself aggrieved by the ruling of the Moderator may appeal to the Association, when if it is sustained by a two-thirds vote, the Moderator's ruling shall be reversed.
8. All members shall use the term "Brother" when addressing or speaking to each other; and one failing to observe this rule shall be subject himself to reprimand by the Moderator.
9. Any or all of the rules may be altered or amended at a regular meeting by a two-thirds majority vote.

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